

Jury Standards - Accepted Media

The Natural Bridge State Park Artisan Center of Virginia State Parks maintains a very high standard for determining juried level distinctions for media within the craft industry. Products also must comply with the Virginia State Parks merchandise mission and should do at least one of the following: relate to the park and/or surrounding area, be native to Virginia – especially pertains to items that represent or contain flora and fauna – or reflect the theme of the park. The following accepted media categories fully comply with standards set by the American Craft Council.

Baskets

- Fiber
- Metal
- Mixed media
- Vines
- Wood
- Chair caning

Ceramics

- Functional
- Sculptural

(Ceramic pieces made from commercial molds are not accepted unless the mold is designed by the artisan.)

Fiber - Decorative

- Accessories (non-wearable)
- Pillows and blankets
- Quilts (pre-printed commercial quilt tops are not acceptable)
- Rugs
- Wall pieces

Fiber - Wearable

- Woven
- Non-woven
- Accessories (not to include jewelry)

Glass

- Functional (non-wearable)
- Sculptural
- Hand-blown

Green craft

VSP encourages “green craft” items using sustainable green or recycled materials and eco-friendly techniques for special jury consideration and designation.

Jewelry

- Ceramic
- Enamel
- Glass
- Metal
- Precious and semi-precious stone
- Precious metal clay

Polymer clay

Wood

Woven

(Exclusively plastic, purchased beads, chain assemblages or any combination thereof that do not include handcrafted pieces from the above categories will not be accepted.)

Leather

Wearable

Non-wearable

Accessories

Cobbler

Saddlers

Harness makers

Metal

Enamels (non-wearable)

Functional (non-wearable)

Furniture

Sculptural

Blacksmith

Tinsmith

Mixed media

Books

Brooms and brushes

Candles

Dolls and puppets (components such as heads, hands and feet must be created by the artisan)

Furniture

Kaleidoscopes

Masks

Musical instruments (non-wood)

Paper

Pysanky

Sculptural

Stone (non-wearable)

Toys and puzzles

Cornhusk

Decorative gourds

Other (determined by Natural Bridge State Park Artisan Center Standards Committee per application)

Stone

Functional

Sculptural

Wood

Functional accessories (non-wearable)

Furniture

Hand-carved

Instruments

Painted

Sculptural

Turned

Not eligible to the VSP Jury

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